Report on River Regulatory Measures

2610. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai has produced a report on river regulatory measures at Haldia port in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has received the report; and

(c) the steps that have been taken to start capital dredging at Haldia?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) has submitted its report on the River Regulatory Measures for improving draught in the river Hooghly at Haldia. Based on the recommendations of NIOT, a scheme comprising Capital Dredging and River Training Works has been formulated and submitted by the Kolkata Port Trust for approval of the Government.

(c) The scheme would be undertaken, once the competent authority approves the proposal.

Toll Charges on National Highways

2611. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the National Highways, sections thereof, in the country which are open to use on payment of toll charges;

(b) the points at which toll is collected by NHAI on such National Highways along with the rate of toll charges at each point;

(c) the basis on which the toll charges have been calculated;

(d) the revenue targeted and actual collections during the last three years, year-wise;